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1. Among the topics dealt with in the "Program Manifesto" of the Committee of Action for the Unity and Independence of the Workers Movement, headed by Aldo Cucchi and Valdo Magnani, are the following:
- a. Attempt at Fascist revival;
 - b. Danger to democracy and liberty;
 - c. Socialist functions in the fundamental problem of the Nation;
 - d. An active neutrality; and
 - e. The functions of the Committee for the Unity and Independence of the Workers Movement.
2. The Manifesto, which was prepared on 29 March 1951, attacks the Partito Comunista Italiano (PCI; Italian Communist Party), the Partito Socialista Italiano (PSI; Italian Socialist Party), Russian expansion, and American capitalist imperialism. It defends the "enlightened independent" Socialist forces. Topic (d) is the most significant in that while it denounces the Atlantic Pact, it actually accepts it in principle.
3. Following are significant quotations from Cucchi and Magnani's discussion of "an active neutrality":
- a. "Neutrality in Italy means independence of the Atlantic policy, which by the nature of the forces which influence it, has in Italy social aggressive functions against the workers and does not give a guarantee of being militarily solely a defensive policy. The American policy is not always the best defense of liberty and international security as it cannot pretend to represent the defense of right and justice and support the reactionary regimes of Singman Rhee, CHIANG Kai-shek, and Bao Dai.
 - b. "Neutrality in Italy signifies independence from the Soviet bloc which pursues a power policy . . . The Russian policy in Europe presents aspects of domination which are irreconcilable with independence and liberty which are fundamental conditions for the development of Socialism.

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- c. "As adherence to the Atlantic Pact has already taken place, and withdrawal from it is a problem which can be attacked when the present government majority is overturned, opposition to the Pact today means opposition to its consequences, from the appropriation for rearmament in the commitments of the Pact to the subordination of the Italian army and of the Italian economy to a foreign government.
 - d. "Increase in defense potential can only be founded on an effective national unity of the workers.
 - e. "Today opposition of Socialists to the consequences of the Pact is a constitutional opposition. The Italian people will thwart those provisions of the Pact which violate the Italian Constitution.
 - f. "Neutrality is not a policy which is indifferent to European and world developments. Neutrality...renders legitimate a rearmament proportionate to the possibilities of the country and borne by the levels most able. With the commitment of defense against aggression, solidarity and international guarantee are made possible.
 - g. "The most effective solidarity is that of Socialist forces...in a European federal union based on equality among nations. If these efforts are short of concrete results, only their strengthening can guarantee peace."
4. The manifesto, of which 15,000 copies were printed, was signed "Promotion Committee." Distribution is expected to take place during the latter part of the week ending on 7 April 1951. Two-thirds of the copies will be distributed in Northern Italy and one-third in Southern Italy. The manifesto will later be published in booklet form.

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